

Minutes of the Economic Development Commission held at 8:15 A.M., on Thursday, May 28 2009 at North Haven Town Hall.

Members Present: Ralph Durante, Frank Maher, LuAnn Buono, William Gambardella, Deborah Moore, Radha Prasad

Members Absent: Walter Nester, Water Mann, Thomas Dunham

Also Present: First Selectman McCarty, Alan Fredricksen

The following materials were either mailed to the members prior to this meeting or distributed at this time:

1. Agenda – May 12, 2009

#### APRIL 30<sup>TH</sup> BREAKFAST

Mr. Prasad said that the breakfast was very successful and well attended. Mr. Durante suggested that we get more local North Haven business owners to speak at the next breakfast meeting. Everyone was pleased with Covidien's facility.

#### COVIDIEN

Mr. Durante said that Covidien called the State of Connecticut seeking a facility in the region with about 60,000 square feet. Mr. Durante said that he did not have a facility in North Haven matching their specifications. Mr. Durante said that we would have liked them to build on their current site but Covidien did not want to. He believes that they may have found a site in Wallingford.

#### QUINNIPIAC CHAMBER (D. MOORE)

Keith Woodward of the Quinnipiac Chamber approached Deborah Moore about working with him to tighten the relationship between the Chamber and the Economic Development Commission. Ms. Moore said that she was interested and will contact Mr. Woodward to discuss further.

#### EXECUTIVE LANDSCAPING

Mr. Durante met with Mike Annatone who is the owner of Executive Landscaping and a North Haven resident. His building is located across from Empire Paving. Mr. Durante said that we should invite him to our next breakfast. He has a huge business and is bringing jobs to North Haven.

#### QUINNIPIAC UNIVERSITY – SOCCER FIELDS, ETC.

Mr. Durante would like to set up a meeting with Mr. Gambardella and Mr. Pellegrino, Jr. to put together a proposal to present to Quinnipiac University about an alternative location for soccer fields. A possible location is the Spring Road parcel which is 13 acres and owned by the Town.

Mr. Gambardella will prepare a quotation on the cost to build soccer fields at this site. Mr. Durante said we need to come up with a strategy and approach before we meet with Quinnipiac.

#### UNIVERSAL DRIVE

Mr. Durante wanted to know if anything new was happening at the North Haven Commons. Mr. Fredricksen said that Kids R Us has a grand opening scheduled for July 1<sup>st</sup>. Also, Alta, a cosmetics store will be opening soon. There are no new tenants but the existing tenants are committed.

#### WASHINGTON AVENUE OPENINGS

Several grand openings are scheduled: Libby's Italian Pastries, 310 Washington Avenue, May 28<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 AM, Acme Lock, 117 Washington Avenue, June 3<sup>rd</sup> at 2:00 PM; and Advanced Auto Parts, 343 Washington Avenue, June 11<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 PM. Also scheduled: Natural Family Health, 410 State Street, May 28<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 AM, Art's Appliance, 92 State Street, June 8<sup>th</sup> at 2:30 PM, and Wine Press, 118 Quinnipiac Avenue, June 17<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 PM.

#### RABINA PROPERTIES

Mr. Durante said he was glad that Lynn Lawrence spoke at the breakfast. He said we have to weather the storm and see what happens.

The next Economic Development Commission meeting is scheduled for June 25<sup>th</sup> at 8:15 am. We will meet at Town Hall, first floor conference room.

#### ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Commission Mr. Durante moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:30 AM, seconded by Mr. Prasad.